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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 6, please amend Paragraph 22 as follows:

[0022] The carrier of the present invention is not restricted to any specific form. For example, the carrier may be present in form of a micro-plate having a plurality of wells which can be arranged in a variety of ways. For example, the carrier may have the general size and shape of a standard-sized microtiter plate with 96 wells (normally arranged in a format of 8 x 12 rows/columns ~~hier könnte man die vor kurzem verabschiedeten US-Normen zitieren, aber nur als illustrative example~~). Carriers dimensioned like or similar to standard array arrangements allow that already existing devices for handling and reading assays on micro-titer plates may be used or have to be slightly modified only. According to the specific application aimed at by the user, also micro-titer plates having a different design may be developed. The carrier of the present invention may also have the form of hybridization frames arranged on a slide. Moreover, a carrier may have insert receiving locations of any desired form, such as e.g. insert receiving locations in form of regular and irregular polygons or in oval form.

On page 11, please amend Paragraph 44 as follows:

[0044] Fig. 2 shows an example of a custom-made microtiter plate 24 wherein 15 ring inserts 10 as shown in FIG. 1 are arranged ~~Warum 15 und nicht z.B. 24 im Raster 6 x 4?~~.